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Lawrence E. Starfield
Regional Administrator (6RA)
US Environmental Protection Agency, Region VI
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Dear Mr. Starfield:

This letter is to provide concurrence from the state of Louisiana for the Devil's Swamp Lake Site ("Site") to be proposed for listing on the National Priorities List (NPL).

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) has been actively involved with the Site in the past, providing technical assistance to the EPA in the assessment of the Site. The LDEQ believes that the Site is eligible for proposed listing to the NPL by virtue of the polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and other chlorinated hydrocarbon compounds that are present in the sediments and biota. These compounds pose a threat to the wildlife and human populations that continue to use the Site for gathering food and recreation.

Should the Site be listed on the NPL, the LDEQ will continue to assist the EPA in making the necessary cleanup decisions designed to protect public health and the environment in this part of Louisiana.

For additional information and coordination, please contact Mr. Keith Casanova, administrator, LDEQ-Remediation Services Division at (225) 765-0333.

Sincerely,

M. J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.

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